

order to protect consumers from unwarranted price increases.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 299. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-371. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (Docket No. RM23-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-372. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Internal Network Security Monitoring for High and Medium Impact Bulk Electric System Cyber Systems" ((RIN1902-AF88) (Docket No. RM22-3-000)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-373. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Warm Air Furnaces" (RIN1905-AE59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-374. A communication from the Director of the Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Refund of Alcohol Excise Tax" (RIN1515-AE39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-375. A communication from the Regulations Writer, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service of Process and Updated Addresses for Certain Communications with the Agency" (RIN0960-AI78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-376. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Initial Guidance Regarding the Application of the Excise Tax on Repurchases of Corporate Stock under Section 4501 of the Internal Revenue Code" (Notice 2023-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-377. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Depart-

ment of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exception for Interests Held by Foreign Pension Funds" (RIN1545-BN89) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-378. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exempt organization rulings and determination letters procedures" (Rev. Proc. 2023-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-379. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement Providing Transitional Guidance Under Sections 6045 and 6045A for Brokers of Digital Assets" (Announcement 2023-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-380. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Timeline Regarding Implementation of Amended Section 6050W(e) Notice" (Notice 2023-10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-381. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TCJA Section 174 Changes in Method of Accounting" (Notice 2023-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-382. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Modifying and Superseding Rev Proc 2023-8 relating to Changes of Accounting for Specified Rese" (Notice 2023-11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-383. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Initial Guidance Regarding the Application of the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax under Sections 55, 56A, and 59 of the Internal Revenue Code" (Notice 2023-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-384. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Manufacturers May Need Additional Guidance To Ensure Consistent Calculations of Average Sales Prices"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-385. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Unobligated Balances for Appropriations Relating to Quality Measurement"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-386. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-3. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take specified actions to encourage the production of domestic crude oil, natural gas, and coal resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 259

Whereas, Crude oil, natural gas, and coal are vital components of our nation's economy, providing more than 11 million jobs throughout the United States, including 375,000 total jobs and \$58 billion in annual gross domestic income in Ohio alone; and

Whereas, Russian petroleum imports into the United States are approximately 670,000 barrels per day; and

Whereas, If constructed, the domestic Keystone XL Pipeline would have the capacity to supply 830,000 barrels per day of crude oil to American families and businesses; and

Whereas, The United States has large reserves of oil, natural gas, and coal for use in energy production and this abundance has provided security that has historically led to reliable and affordable energy for American consumers and our allies; and

Whereas, The world is looking to the United States for energy leadership and stability as current geopolitical events pose potential economic disruptions when inflation already affects households in the United States, across Europe, and the world; and

Whereas, Federal policies and the recently enacted tax increases on domestic oil and gas production that were included in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act inhibit production of these vital resources; and

Whereas, The United States has the ability and capacity to once again be a net exporter of energy resources, supplying our allies in Europe with energy; and

Whereas, The United States has established barriers and disincentives to coal use. These barriers and disincentives have caused the idling or premature retirement of coal plants; and

Whereas, Operation and expansion of a key component of the United States' energy success, our oil and natural gas pipelines, which provide the most efficient means of transporting those commodities, is being blocked by the federal government; and

Whereas, The Biden Administration continues to increase costs and delay efforts to develop oil and natural gas leasing on federal lands and waters despite the fact that the leasing program provides billions of dollars in revenue to federal, state, and local governments and supports conservation programs throughout the country; and

Whereas, Areas in which the United States conducts offshore production are some of the lowest carbon intensive energy producing regions in the world, and halting offshore leasing and development will shill production and capital investment overseas and undermine decades of environmental progress; Now, therefore be it